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September Events at the OCHM

Genealogy classes, stress management seminar, Thursday night lecture, and a hands-on workshop highlight a busy month at the OCHM!

TAUNTON, MA—

All are invited to join the Old Colony History Museum for family-friendly events, both in person and virtually this month. To see everything we have to offer and register for those that take place on Zoom, visit our Event Calendar at www.oldcolonyhistorymuseum.org/events/.

September Events at the OCHM:**Facts & Family Genealogy Class: Session 3: Beyond Basics**

Thursday, September 2, 12-1 p.m.

Join OCHM Board Member Dr. Cynthia Ricciardi and begin the journey into your family's history. These sessions will all take place on Zoom and are open to beginners and advanced genealogists alike!

In this session, we'll investigate more options for researching on the Internet, with special attention to varied ethnic groups and useful sources for family research which ranges outside the boundaries of the U.S. In addition, we will look at some of the most popular lineage/ancestral societies, as well as a few of the less familiar "Family Associations."

Each session is \$5 for OCHM Members or \$10 for non-members. You can register on our Eventbrite page at <http://oldcolonyhistorymuseum.eventbrite.com>.

Virtual Visit to the Old Colony History Museum's Basement!

Friday, September 3, 2-3 p.m.

Join us as we virtually "visit" sites to learn about the history of the Old Colony region and beyond! This month we really stay close to home and take you down into the basement of the Museum to show you where most of our collection lives and some great pieces you wouldn't see on a regular visit! This program is free and open to all. You just need to register on our Eventbrite page at <http://oldcolonyhistorymuseum.eventbrite.com> to get the Zoom link.

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CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Saturday, September 4

M is for Museum Story Time

Tuesday, September 7, 10:30 a.m.

M is for Museum is the OCHM's sensory-friendly story time to encourage early literacy in our future historians! Books will be middle-elementary level with stations for coloring and Legos and fidget boxes available. Families of all ages are welcome! Drop-in or join on Facebook Live!

Crafternoons

Tuesday, September 7 through Saturday, September 11

Feed your creativity with a new craft each month!

For September we are crafting: **Origami Bookmarks**

Drop in anytime this week between 1:00-3:00 pm for a fun, easy craft! We provide instructions and all the materials. *Crafternoons* are free with regular museum admission.

Wednesday Workshop: Farmhouse Window Photo Display

Wednesday, September 8, 5:30-7 p.m.

Create a wonderfully rustic frame for your favorite photos that you can change as often as you'd like! This 90-minute, hands-on workshop includes all materials and is limited to 20 people, age 10 and up, and always includes cost of materials. The workshop is \$10, and OCHM members are only \$5. You can reserve your spot on our Eventbrite page at <http://oldcolonyhistorymuseum.eventbrite.com>.

Hands on History Day

Saturday, September 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

You're invited to break the rules with us and get your Hands on History with special displays and activities on the second Saturday of every month! In September we'll try out making our own ink and writing with feather quill pens!

Lunch & Learn: Stress Management Seminar

Wednesday, September 15, 12 – 1 p.m.

We all have stress in our lives. Why are some of us less stressed than others? It is most likely due to the way they manage their lives. Your ability to cope with your stress is both an individual journey and a learned skill. Join us at the Old Colony History Museum for a social lunch setting and a chance to hone a skill as we all deal with more stress than ever these days!

Bring your bagged lunch and join OCHM Board Member Eileen Crochiere, a skilled trainer and business consultant who has presented this seminar to tens of thousands of people throughout New England. Eileen brings humor, enthusiasm and effective coping strategies to this important topic. She will help you recognize positive and negative stressors and efficient ways to improve your well-being.

Can't make it to the Museum on your lunch break? Join the session on Zoom from home, the office, or wherever you are! A link will be emailed upon confirmation of your registration. You can register on our Eventbrite page or directly at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lunch-learn-tickets-161678612081>. This seminar is free for all, and all are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please call us at 508.822.1622.

Facts & Family Genealogy Class: Session 4: Beyond Basics

Thursday, September 16, 12-1 p.m.

Join OCHM Board Member Dr. Cynthia Ricciardi and begin the journey into your family's history. These sessions will all take place on Zoom and are open to beginners and advanced genealogists alike!

In this session, we will dive into the topic of "DNA/Genetic Genealogy." We will learn some more new terms, go over the basic science, and look at some of the testing options available. We'll also discuss some of the pros and cons, and ways that DNA testing has affected genealogical research.

Each session is \$5 for OCHM Members or \$10 for non-members. You can register on our Eventbrite page at <http://oldcolonyhistorymuseum.eventbrite.com>.

Lecture: Pollinators and Pesticides

Thursday, September 16, 5:30 p.m.

Honey bees are a critically important beneficial insect species for agricultural and plant ecosystems, pollinating many of the flowers of fruits, vegetables and nuts grown and consumed. Join us as Nathalie Steinhauer, Research Coordinator from Bee Informed Partnership, shares her knowledge on pesticides and their impact on honeybees. We'll learn what a pesticide is, the diversity of products that fall under this term, and how they impact honeybee populations, as well as current research and some of the questions that remain unanswered.

We will welcome our speaker virtually via Zoom on the big screen in our Gallery.

Two ways to enjoy our Fall Lecture Series presentations!

#1 Join us in person at the Museum! Seating is first-come, first-served.

-Or -

#2 Join us from home! Register on our Eventbrite page at <http://oldcolonyhistorymuseum.eventbrite.com> to access the Zoom meeting. The Zoom chat will be open for the Q&A portion so you don't miss out on the experience!

Liberty & Union Walking Tour

Saturday, September 18, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Come walk the Liberty and Union Downtown Walking Tour! Join us for a free, one-hour guided tour of Historic Downtown Taunton. Our one-mile walking tour highlights some of the important architectural, cultural, and commercial sites between Church Green and Taunton Green. A great way to learn about the city, from its earliest days through the present, these tours are the third Saturday of every month, May through October, rain or shine.

A Taste of Old Colony History: Apple Cider Doughnuts

Thursday, September 23, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Let's cook up some history...from home! Join the OCHM staff from their home kitchens as we try our hand at historic recipes and local favorites. You just need to register on our Eventbrite page at <http://oldcolonyhistorymuseum.eventbrite.com> to get the Zoom link, and you'll be emailed the recipe of the month and ingredient list so you can cook along with us, step-by-step, or just sit back and watch!

Cemetery Tour: Plain Cemetery

Saturday, September 25, 11:00 a.m.

Explore even more local history with the Old Colony History Museum. On the 4th Saturday of each month, April-October, we visit a different cemetery to talk about the history of our city and residents from the past! In September, we'll meet you at Plain Cemetery!

About the Old Colony History Museum:

The Old Colony History Museum houses significant collections which chronicle lives lived, wars waged, fortunes won and ingenuity rewarded. We encourage visitors to walk among our exhibits and discover regional history. The Museum's parent organization is the Old Colony Historical Society, one of the oldest organizations of its kind in New England. Founded in 1853, it serves the region of southeastern Massachusetts that was once part of the Plymouth Colony.

At OCHM, we're committed to the preservation of our history through public engagement and community outreach. We're here to collect, curate, interpret, and bring to vibrant life the history of the Old Colony, collaborating with the community to share those meaningful connections that knit together our past, present, and future. We invite you to experience what we mean by *history happens here*.

The Old Colony History Museum is located on historic Church Green in Taunton. The Museum has its headquarters in the former Bristol Academy, designed in 1852 by the New York architect Richard Upjohn. Regular Museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to the Museum is \$5 and free for Museum members.